



NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Bennett Oil Company
Columbia, Richland County, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through September 16, 2015.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 15-6339-NRP, will affect approximately 2.3 acres located at 410 Gervais Street and 411 Senate Street in Columbia, South Carolina. The property is further identified by County Tax Map Serial Numbers R08912-11-02 and R08912-11-04. A company known as Naman Gervais, LLC (Naman), wants to acquire the property from the current owners. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and Naman.

The property is has been historically used as a petroleum distribution center. The past use of the property may have caused environmental pollution on the property.

DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to encourage productive reuse of Brownfield sites. Naman intends to develop the property with a hotel. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow Naman to acquire the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of the potential for environmental pollution from past activity on the property.

DHEC will not hold Naman responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under the proposed contract, Naman will test soil and groundwater the property. If significant contamination is found, Naman will be required to take steps to protect human health and the environment. Naman did not create the pollution, but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use. Under State law, Naman will not be responsible if anyone has been affected by the contamination. The responsibility of former owners or operators of the property is not reduced by this contract.

The proposed contract is available at <http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices/> . Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through September 16, 2015. Questions or comments may be directed to Alex Fulmer by telephone (803) 898-0932, by electronic mail fulmerwa@dhec.sc.gov, or TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Alex Fulmer at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.